

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel currently pending claim 1 and to add new claims 4-12 for examination. New claims 4-12 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and through examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

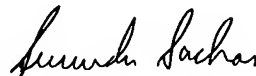
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